

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 7/29/03.

### **I. DISPUTE**

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT code 64450 for date of service 8/21/02. The Carrier denied reimbursement as "F Z1 – Preoperative and postoperative evaluation and management services, and physiological monitoring of the patient, is included in the anesthesia service. O 1\* YO – Reimbursement was rendered or denied after reconsideration of treatment/service billed. These injections are considered global to the surgery and not reimbursable [sic] separately. No additional payment will be made."

### **II. RATIONALE**

The Requestor billed for CPT code 64450, which is a starred procedure. Based on MFG SGR (II), the global fee concept for surgical services cannot be applied. According to the Table of Disputed Services submitted by the Requestor, the amount in dispute is \$305.00. According to the 1996 Medical Fee Guideline, Anesthesia Ground Rule (V)(D), "For diagnostic or therapeutic nerve blocks performed by the surgeon, anesthesiologist or CRNA, only one reimbursement per procedure shall be allowed, regardless of the time required..." On this basis, reimbursement is recommended in the amount of \$61.00.

### **III. DECISION & ORDER**

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the Requestor is entitled to reimbursement for CPT code 64450 in the amount of **\$61.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$61.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Decision and Order is hereby issued this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2004.

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